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Dear Mr. Speaker:

I have the privilege to enclose herewith the Twelfth Annual Report of the Chief Electoral Officer concerning the administering of the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act for the calendar year 1988, which contains data received in this Office relative to the Financial Statements required to be filed on or before March 31, 1989.

This Report is submitted pursuant to Section 3(2) of the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta 1980, Chapter E-3.

Should you require clarification on anything contained in the Report or additional information, I would be pleased to respond.

Yours respectfully,

P D Ledgerwood

Patrick D. Ledgerwood
Chief Electoral Officer

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Overview

The following activities were documented for the 1988 calendar year:

- Annual Financial Statements were received and examined from nine registered Parties;
- Annual Financial Statements were received and examined from two hundred and ninety-three registered Constituency Associations;
- Applications for Registration were received and approved for thirty-four Constituency Associations;
- twenty-seven Constituency Associations were deregistered, including eleven from the Western Canada Concept Party of Alberta;
- six deregistered Constituency Associations fulfilled the requirements of the Act and were reregistered;
- three hundred and fourteen registered Constituency Associations were recorded as at December 31, 1988; and
- on May 13, 1988 the Western Canada Concept Party received approval to change their name to the Alberta Independence Party.

Registration Data

Political Parties

Effective December 31,1988 there were ten political Parties registered in the Register of Political Parties, pursuant to Section 6(2) of the Act:

Name (Abbreviation)	Date Registered	Leader	Chief Financial Officer
Alberta Independence Party (AIP)	May 13, 1988	Wes Westmore	Peter Koop
Alberta Liberal Party (LIB)	February 3, 1978	Laurence Decore	Dennis Holliday
Alberta New Democratic Party (NDP)	January 3, 1978	Ray Martin	Lyle Bleich
Alberta Political Alliance Party (APA)	January 17, 1986	Howard Thompson	Dalmain Brown
Alberta Social Credit Party (SC)	January 6, 1978	Harvey Yuill	Ella Ayers
Communist Party - Alberta (CP-A)	January 31, 1979	Norman Brudy	Norman Brudy
Confederation of Regions Party (COR)	August 19, 1978	Elmer Knutson	Lowell Knutson
Heritage Party of Alberta (HPA)	January 18, 1985	Mike Pawlus	Mike Pawlus
Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta (PC)	January 3, 1978	Donald Getty	Gary Campbell
Representative Party of Alberta (RPA)	January 9, 1985	Tom Carlton	Peter Hahn

This Office maintains a file containing the names of groups and individuals who have formally requested and received information concerning the procedure to be followed for registering a political Party under the Act. As of December 31, 1988, three files remained open for groups/individuals who requested that this Office reserve a particular name for their proposed political Party. The current status of activity by these groups/individuals is unknown; however, each has been advised that one of the primary requirements for registration is completion of a petition under Section 5(2)(d) of the Act. The petition must contain a minimum of 4,653 signatures of eligible electors, which represents 0.3% of the number of electors eligible to vote at the last general election (1989).

Constituency Associations - Registration

During the calendar year 1988, applications for registration were approved for thirty-four Constituency Associations of registered political Parties; as follows:

Alberta Independence Party

Banff-Cochrane
Bonnyville
Camrose
Edmonton-Strathcona
Highwood
Rocky Mountain House
Olds-Didsbury

Alberta Liberal Party

Banff-Cochrane
Calgary-Elbow
Calgary-Fish Creek
Calgary-McCall
Calgary-Millican
Calgary-West
Edmonton-Mill Woods
Grande Prairie
Lacombe
Lesser Slave Lake
Peace River
Pincher Creek-Crowsnest

Cardston
Camrose
Cypress-Redcliff
Drumheller
Dunvegan
Edmonton-Calder
Ponoka-Rimbey
Smoky River
Taber-Warner
Three Hills
West Yellowhead
Whitecourt

Alberta New Democratic Party

Calgary-Buffalo

Alberta Social Credit Party

Edmonton-Beverly
Smoky River

Constituency Associations - Deregistration

During the calendar year ending December 31, 1988, twenty-seven Constituency Associations were deregistered for failure to file the required 1987 Annual Financial Statement, failure to comply with requests for information from the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, at the request of the registered Party or when the Western Canada Concept Party requested a change in their name, as follows:

Alberta Political Alliance Party

Calgary-Buffalo
Whitecourt

Alberta Liberal Party

Clover Bar
Olds-Didsbury

Confederation of Regions Party

Rocky Mountain House
Westlock-Sturgeon

Representative Party of Alberta

Bow Valley
Calgary-Buffalo
Calgary-Millican
Cypress-Redcliff
Grande Prairie
Highwood
Macleod
Peace River
St. Albert
Taber-Warner

Western Canada Concept Party of Alberta

Banff-Cochrane
Bonnyville
Camrose
Dunvegan
Edmonton-Calder
Edmonton-Mill Woods
Edmonton-Strathcona
Innisfail
Olds-Didsbury
Rocky Mountain House
Three Hills

Constituency Associations - Reregistration

Applications for reregistration, from six Constituency Associations previously deregistered either during or prior to 1988, were approved for:

Alberta Liberal Party

Calgary-North Hill
Clover Bar
Olds-Didsbury

Representative Party of Alberta

Cypress-Redcliff
Macleod
Peace River

Summary

A total of three hundred and fourteen Constituency Associations were recorded in the Register of Registered Constituency Associations pursuant to Section 7(3) of the Act. A chart showing the status of registered Constituency Associations of each registered political Party, by electoral division as of December 31, 1988, is presented at Appendix A.

At December 31, 1988 the number of registered Constituency Associations of the registered Parties was as follows:

AIP	LIB	NDP	APA	SC	CP-A	COR	HPA	PC	RPA	TOTAL
7	80	83	Nil	12	Nil	2	Nil	83	47	314

Candidates

Individuals Prohibited From Being Nominated

There are a number of individuals who were Candidates at the 1979, 1982 or 1986 General Election who filed the required Campaign Period Financial Statement after the due date and who did not apply for relief to the Court of Queen's Bench. The Chief Electoral Officer presented reports on the matter to the Speaker of the Assembly, pursuant to Section 36(1) of the Act. The individuals named are prohibited from being nominated as Candidates in an election for varying specified periods.

The information on these circumstances is available in the Public Files, at the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer.

Details on the individuals who will be prohibited from being nominated as Candidates in future elections as a result of failure to file statements for the 1989 General Election are not available at this date. There were twenty-two individuals named in the Chief Electoral Officer's Report which the Speaker of the Assembly tabled on June 21, 1989; pursuant to Section 36(2) of the Act, these individuals have until August 21, 1989 to apply to the Court of Queen's Bench for relief.

Financial Statements

All political Parties and Constituency Associations registered prior to September 1, 1988 were required to file Annual Financial Statements for 1988 with this Office, not later than the close of business March 31, 1989, in accordance with Section 34 of the Act.

Political Parties - 1988 Annual Financial Statements

Ten political Parties were registered with the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer as of December 31, 1988. Financial Statements were received from eight of the ten Parties by March 31, 1989, as follows:

Alberta Liberal Party
Alberta New Democratic Party
Alberta Social Credit Party
Communist Party - Alberta
Confederation of Regions Party
Heritage Party of Alberta
Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta
Representative Party of Alberta

A 1988 audited Annual Financial Statement was not received from the Alberta Independence Party; therefore, the Party was deregistered effective April 6, 1989. To date, the filing of the required Statement has not been concluded; accordingly, this Report does not contain any financial data for this Party and the Party remains deregistered.

A 1988 audited Annual Financial Statement was not received from the Alberta Political Alliance Party; therefore, the Party was deregistered effective April 6, 1989. The required Statement has been filed and the Party reregistered. This Report contains the relevant financial data, as it would have been if the Statement had been filed on time.

Certain anomalies were apparent in the Annual Financial Statement filed by the Heritage Party of Alberta. While the Statement was filed on time these circumstances are not yet resolved.

This Report does not include comparisons of the financial support given to political entities over the eleven years in which Annual Financial Statements have been required; this information is available in the Public Files in the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer. A summary of the 1988 data appears at Appendix B; additionally, a simplified presentation of the number, category and amounts contributed in the 1988 calendar year follows:

Alberta Independence Party

The Party failed to file the required 1988 Audited Annual Financial Statement. Therefore this Report does not contain any financial data for this Party.

Alberta Liberal Party

	Total Contribution	Average Contribution
Amounts of $40.00 or less:		
525 contributions from individuals	9,894.	18 85
3 contributions from corporations	105.	35 00

Amounts between $40.01 and $375.00:			
661	contributions from individuals	50,909.	77.02
111	contributions from corporations	15,413.	138.86
Amounts in excess of $375.00:			
35	contributions from individuals	41,383.	1,182.37
51	contributions from corporations	72,905.	1,429.51
	Total	$190,609.	

Alberta New Democratic Party

		Total Contribution	Average Contribution
Amounts of $40.00 or less:			
921	contributions from individuals	19,184.	20.83
1	contribution from a corporation	20.	20.00
Amounts between $40.01 and $375.00:			
1,502	contributions from individuals	191,997.	127.83
7	contributions from corporations	915.	130.71
5	contributions from trade unions	356.	71.20
Amounts in excess of $375.00:			
152	contributions from individuals	132,505.	871.74
1	contribution from a corporation	750.	750.00
3	contributions from trade unions	2,409.	803.00
	Total	$348,136.	

Alberta Political Alliance Party

	Total Contribution	Average Contribution
Amounts of $40.00 or less:	Nil	Nil
Amounts between $40.01 and $375.00:	Nil	Nil
Amounts in excess of $375.00:	Nil	Nil

Alberta Social Credit Party

		Total Contribution	Average Contribution
Amounts of $40.00 or less:			
22	contributions from individuals	444.	20.18
Amounts between $40.01 and $375.00:			
28	contributions from individuals	2,816.	100.57
Amounts in excess of $375.00:			
11	contributions from individuals	13,371.	1,215.55
	Total	$16,631.	

Communist Party - Alberta

		Total Contribution	Average Contribution
Amounts of $40.00 or less:			
3 contributions from individuals		35.	11.67
Amounts between $40.01 and $375.00:			
17 contributions from individuals		3,140.	184.71
Amounts in excess of $375.00:			
1 contribution from an individual		500.	500.00
	Total	$3,675.	

Confederation of Regions Party

		Total Contribution	Average Contribution
Amounts between $40.01 and $375.00:			
5 contributions from individuals		825.	165.00
	Total	$825.	

Heritage Party of Alberta

	Total Contribution	Average Contribution
Amounts of $40.00 or less:	Nil	Nil
Amounts between $40.01 and $375.00:	Nil	Nil
Amounts in excess of $375.00:	Nil	Nil

Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta

		Total Contribution	Average Contribution
Amounts of $40.00 or less:			
129 contributions from individuals		2,832.	21.95
17 contributions from corporations		471.	27.71
Amounts between $40.01 and $375.00:			
1,865 contributions from individuals		309,379.	165.89
558 contributions from corporations		122,968.	220.37
Amounts in excess of $375.00:			
220 contributions from individuals		174,947.	795.21
520 contributions from corporations		714,090.	1,373.25
	Total	$1,324,687.	

Representative Party of Alberta

	Total Contribution	Average Contribution
Amounts between $40.01 and $375.00:		
4 contributions from individuals	643.	160.75
2 contributions from corporations	400.	200.00
Amounts in excess of $375.00:		
7 contributions from individuals	12,252.	1,750.29
Total	$13,295.	

Average Contributions to Parties

Average contribution by an individual:

amounts of $40.00 or less ($32,389. divided by 1,600)	$ 20.24
amounts between $40.01 and $375.00 ($559,709. divided by 4,082)	$ 137.12
amounts in excess of $375.00 ($374,958. divided by 426)	$ 880.18

Average contribution by a corporation:

amounts of $40.00 or less ($596. divided by 21)	$ 28.38
amounts between $40.01 and $375.00 ($139,696. divided by 678)	$ 206.04
amounts in excess of $375.00 ($787,745. divided by 572)	$ 1,377.18

Average contribution by a trade union:

amounts between $40.01 and $375.00 ($356. divided by 5)	$ 71.20
amounts in excess of $375.00 ($2,409. divided by 3)	$ 803.00

Constituency Associations - 1988 Annual Financial Statements

Three hundred and fourteen Constituency Associations were registered with the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer as of December 31, 1988. Pursuant to Section 34(1), three hundred and five Constituency Associations were required to file Annual Financial Statements for the period January 1, 1988 to December 31, 1988; the remaining nine Constituency Associations were registered after September 1, 1988 and were not required to file Annual Financial Statements by virtue of Section 34(2) of the Act. Financial Statements were received from two hundred and ninety-three Constituency Associations. One Alberta Independence Party, three Alberta Liberal Party, two

Alberta Social Credit Party and six Representative Party of Alberta Constituency Associations failed to file the required Annual Financial Statements by the required date and were deregistered.

In that in-house administrative and financial procedures differ significantly between Parties, each Party is required to advise this Office of their routine relating to certain procedural criteria. In this regard, the following information reflects that criteria as it affects Constituency Association authority to accept contributions and to issue Official Receipts:

Alberta Independence Party

All of the seven registered Constituency Associations were authorized to accept contributions in 1988; one reported the receipt of contributions:

		Total Contribution	Average Contribution
Amounts of $40.00 or less:			
35 contributions from individuals		1,010.	28.86
Amounts between $40.01 and $375.00:			
14 contributions from individuals		1,055.	75.36
Amounts in excess of $375.00:			
2 contributions from individuals		2,356.	1,178.00
	Total	$4,421.	

Alberta Liberal Party

Three of the eighty registered Constituency Associations were authorized to accept contributions in 1988; three reported the receipt of contributions:

		Total Contribution	Average Contribution
Amounts of $40.00 or less:			
55 contributions from individuals		1,284.	23.35
Amounts between $40.01 and $375.00:			
52 contributions from individuals		6,611.	127.13
1 contribution from a corporation		100.	100.00
Amounts in excess of $375.00:			
3 contributions from individuals		1,500.	500.00
	Total	$9,495.	

Alberta New Democratic Party

None of the eighty-three registered Constituency Associations were authorized to accept contributions in 1988.

Alberta Political Alliance Party

The Alberta Political Alliance Party did not have any Constituency Associations registered in 1988.

Alberta Social Credit Party

All of the twelve registered Constituency Associations were authorized to accept contributions in 1988; none reported the receipt of contributions.

Communist Party - Alberta

The Communist Party - Alberta did not have any Constituency Associations registered in 1988.

Confederation of Regions Party

Neither of the two registered Constituency Associations were authorized to accept contributions in 1988.

Heritage Party of Alberta

The Heritage Party of Alberta did not have any Constituency Associations registered in 1988.

Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta

All of the eighty-three registered Constituency Associations were authorized to accept contributions in 1988; seventy-five reported the receipt of contributions:

		Total Contribution	Average Contribution
Amounts of $40.00 or less:			
2,243 contributions from individuals		38,109.	16.99
256 contributions from corporations		5,683.	22.20
Amounts between $40.01 and $375.00:			
1,062 contributions from individuals		115,051.	108.33
350 contributions from corporations		41,388.	118.25
Amounts in excess of $375.00:			
51 contributions from individuals		24,680.	483.92
27 contributions from corporations		16,293.	603.44
	Total	$241,204.	

Representative Party of Alberta

Two of the forty-seven registered Constituency Associations were authorized to accept contributions in 1988; one reported the receipt of contributions:

		Total Contribution	Average Contribution
Amounts between $40.01 and $375.00:			
1 contribution from an individual		200.	200.00
1 contribution from a corporation		100.	100.00
	Total	$300.	

Average Contributions to Constituency Associations

Average contribution by an individual:

amounts of $40.00 or less ($40,403. divided by 2,333)	$ 17.32
amounts between $40.01 and $375.00 ($122,917. divided by 1,129)	$ 108.87
amounts in excess of $375.00 ($28,536. divided by 56)	$ 509.57

Average contribution by a corporation:

amounts of $40.00 or less ($5,683. divided by 256)	$ 22.20
amounts between $40.01 and $375.00 ($41,588. divided by 352)	$ 118.15
amounts in excess of $375.00 ($16,293. divided by 27)	$ 603.44

Political Parties, Constituency Associations - 1988 Contribution Totals

Total contributions received by registered Parties and Constituency Associations during 1988 were:

	Party	Constituency Association	Total
Alberta Independence Party	Nil	4,421.	4,421.
Alberta Liberal Party	190,609.	9,495.	200,104.
Alberta New Democratic Party	348,136.	Nil	348,136.
Alberta Political Alliance Party	Nil	Nil	Nil
Alberta Social Credit Party	16,631.	Nil	16,631.
Communist Party - Alberta	3,675.	Nil	3,675.
Confederation of Regions Party	825.	Nil	825.
Heritage Party of Alberta	Nil	Nil	Nil
Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta	1,324,687.	241,204.	1,565,891.
Representative Party of Alberta	13,295.	300.	13,595.
Total	$1,897,858.	$255,420.	$2,153,278.

1989 General Election

A Report, on the 1989 General Election (March 20, 1989) including the official results, was published by the Chief Electoral Officer on May 16, 1989. The data concerning the Candidate and Party Campaign Period Financial Statements will be published in the Thirteenth Annual Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act in August, 1990.

The Campaign Period for the 1989 General Election, as defined by Section 1(1)(c) of the Act, was February 20, 1989 to May 20, 1989. Campaign Period Financial Statements from the 267 Registered Candidates were required to be filed with the Chief Electoral Officer on or prior to June 20, 1989, pursuant to Section 35(1)(b) of the Act. The registered Parties of the Candidates are required to file Campaign Period Financial Statements on or prior to September 20, 1989, pursuant to Section 35(1)(a) of the Act.

1989 Stettler By-Election

A Report on the Stettler By-election (May 9, 1989) including the official results, was published by the Chief Electoral Officer on June 15, 1989. Data concerning the associated Candidate and Party Financial Statements will be included in the Thirteenth Annual Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act in August, 1990.

The Campaign Period for the Stettler By-election as defined by Section 1(1)(c) of the Act, was April 11, 1989 to July 9, 1989. Campaign Period Financial Statements from the Registered Candidates were required to be filed with the Chief Electoral Officer on or prior to August 9, 1989, pursuant to Section 35(1)(b) of the Act. The registered Parties of the Candidates are required to file Campaign Period Financial Statements on or prior to October 9, 1989, pursuant to Section 35 (1)(a) of the Act.

Income Tax Credit Allowance - 1987

The Tax Policy Division of Alberta Treasury provided information, obtained from Revenue Canada Taxation and the Alberta Corporate Tax Administration, concerning the 1987 income tax credits for political contributions allowed to individual and corporate taxpayers who paid Alberta Income Tax.

Although the following information is one year after the fact, it will be of general interest:

1987 contributions, by individuals, to registered Parties (annual plus campaign)	$1,002,498.
1987 contributions, by corporations, to registered Parties (annual plus campaign)	$ 808,882.
1987 contributions, by individuals, to registered Constituency Associations	$ 164,849.
1987 contributions, by corporations, to registered Constituency Associations	$ 61,971
1987 contributions, by individuals, to registered Candidates	$ 15,779.
1987 contributions, by corporations, to registered Candidates	$ 6,581.
1987 contributions by trade unions (not taxable), to:	
Parties - Annual	$ 7,559.
Parties - Campaign	$ 3,343.
Candidates - Campaign	$ Nil
1987 Provincial Income Tax Credit allowed to individuals	$ 610,754.
1987 Provincial Income Tax Credit allowed to corporations	$ 145,846.

Three factors should be considered when reviewing this information:

a. taxpayers do not receive income tax credits unless they submit an Official Receipt for the contribution;

b. if there is no Alberta income tax payable, no income tax credit is allowed; and

c. the amount of income tax credit allowed is based on declining percentage calculation of the total contribution.

Note: In consideration of the foregoing factors, a direct percentage comparison of the income tax credit allowed to the total amount contributed may not necessarily be valid.

Funds Held in Trust by the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer

At the date of this Report the Chief Electoral Officer is not holding any funds in Trust for a political Party, Constituency Association or Candidate whose registration has been cancelled or for any other reason; although, the funds of one Party and fifteen Constituency Associations, which were deregistered for failure to file financial statements by March 31, 1989, are currently being sought. This data will be presented in detail in the 13th Annual Report, (August, 1990).

Public Records

The Public Records, which contain information concerning political financing of registered political organizations in Alberta, now contain data for eleven consecutive calendar years including the 1979, 1982, 1986 and 1989 General Elections and the six By-elections held since January 1, 1978. Interest in examining these records increases substantially on the dates immediately after the Candidates, Constituency Associations and Parties file the required Campaign Period or Annual Financial Statements. The primary use of these records is made by the news media, students, interested citizens and members of political organizations.

Conferences

Annual Conference of Canadian Election Officials

The 1989 conference was held in Regina, Saskatchewan , July 17-20, 1989. All jurisdictions except the Northwest Territories were represented. Meaningful discussions were held on a variety of topics including redistribution, technical developments in jurisdictions, election finance legislation and the impact of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms on the electoral process. Next year's conference will be held in St. John's, Newfoundland during the third week of July.

Council On Government Ethics Laws - (COGEL)

The Council on Governmental Ethics Laws is a professional organization for agencies and individuals with responsibilities in governmental ethics, elections, campaign finance and lobby law regulation. Its membership is drawn from federal, state, provincial and local governments as well as from other interested parties.

COGEL provides a medium for exchanging useful information and significant developments within every aspect of governmental ethics, elections, campaign finance, and lobby law regulation. It provides timely information to its membership through the biennial publication Campaign Finance, Ethics, and Lobby Law Blue Book as well as through its annual updates on developments in governmental ethics, bimonthly newsletters, and other information services. Useful contacts with professional counterparts, as well as intensive sessions, are available at COGEL's annual conference.

The 1988 conference was held in Orlando Florida. The Chief Electoral Officer and four members of the Select Standing Committee on Legislative Offices attended this conference. The 1989 conference will be held in New Orleans, Louisiana during the first week of December.

Events of Interest Since March 31, 1989

The following events have taken place between the end of the filing year, March 31, 1989, and the date this Report was sent to the printing agency; each of these subjects will be addressed in detail in the 13th Annual Report of the Chief Electoral Officer:

- the Alberta Independence Party was deregistered for failure to file its audited Annual Financial Statement by March 31, 1989; to date the Party has not filed an acceptable report or a request for reregistration and the Party remains deregistered;
- the Alberta Political Alliance Party was deregistered for failure to file its audited Annual Financial Statement by March 31, 1989; however, the Party did file the required report in arrears and was reregistered May 29, 1989;
- seventeen registered Constituency Associations were deregistered for failure to file Annual Financial Statements (including the seven Alberta Independence Party Constituency Associations affected by the deregistration of their Party);
- a By-election was held on May 9, 1989 in the Electoral Division of Stettler;
- to date two deregistered Constituency Associations have applied for reregistration.
- 1989 General Election Campaign Period Financial Statements were filed on or before June 20, 1989 by two hundred and fifty-six registered candidates; an additional ten registered Candidates have filed since June 21, 1989; and
- consequential amendments to the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act will be implemented when the Senatorial Selection Act is proclaimed.

Allegation of Filing False Financial Statement

This Office, through the Department of the Attorney General, requested an RCMP investigation concerning the 1986 General Election Candidate's Campaign Period Financial Statement filed by Mr. Al Iafolla, the Liberal Candidate for the Electoral Divison of Edmonton-Calder. As a result of this investigation Mr. Iafolla has been charged with forgery and uttering a forged document. Mr. Iafolla has elected to be tried by judge only; the preliminary hearing will begin December 4, 1989 at the Court of Queen's Bench, Edmonton.

Conclusion

The Public Files maintained by this Office are available for examination during normal office hours. These hours are 8:15 am to 12 pm and 1 pm to 4:30 pm Monday to Friday. Copies of all Reports published by the Chief Electoral Officer are available to the public at no cost. Copies of data maintained in the Public Files are available at a rate prescribed under authority of Section 10(2) of the Act.

Routine assistance is provided by this Office to all political entities, to the electors of the Province and to other interested individuals and organizations, to assist them in their understanding of Provincial electoral legislation. To this end, a multitude of brochures and handouts on various aspects of the legislation have been developed. When Bill 11, the Senatorial Selection Act is proclaimed, brochures and guides for this Act will be available at this Office.

Many persons have contacted this Office in the past year with observations and recommendations regarding existing legislation, together with proposals by which legislation may be improved. Whenever possible, such proposals have been incorporated into ongoing reviews of the process. As a result of experience gained at the 1986 General Election and the 1989 General Election, recommendations for amending the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act to improve election financial administrative procedures will be submitted to the Government for their consideration.

Volunteers at the grassroots level and throughout the various levels of each political Party are the key to successful application of the Act. The personnel in this Office appreciate the cooperation received from the volunteers at all levels of the political Parties and Constituency Associations throughout this past year. The paid staff of political Parties have been particularly cooperative. I also wish to acknowledge the excellent support that I received from my qualified and dedicated staff in helping me meet my responsibilities in 1988.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick D. Ledgerwood
Chief Electoral Officer

Status of Constituency Associations of Registered Political Parties At December 31, 1988

("R" = registered, "-" = not registered, "X" = deregistered)

Electoral Division	AIP	LIB	NDP	APA	SC	COR	PC	RPA
01 Athabasca-Lac La Biche	-	R	R	-	-	-	R	-
02 Banff-Cochrane	R	R	R	-	-	-	R	R
03 Barrhead	-	R	R	-	R	-	R	R
04 Bonnyville	R	R	R	-	-	-	R	R
05 Bow Valley	-	-	R	-	-	-	R	X
06 Calgary-Bow	-	R	R	-	-	-	R	-
07 Calgary-Buffalo	-	R	R	X	-	-	R	X
08 Calgary-Currie	-	R	R	-	-	-	R	-
09 Calgary-Egmont	-	R	R	-	-	-	R	-
10 Calgary-Elbow	-	R	R	-	-	-	R	-
11 Calgary-Fish Creek	-	R	R	-	-	-	R	-
12 Calgary-Foothills	-	R	R	-	-	-	R	R
13 Calgary-Forest Lawn	-	R	R	-	R	-	R	R
14 Calgary-Glenmore	-	R	R	-	-	-	R	-
15 Calgary-McCall	-	R	R	-	-	-	R	-
16 Calgary-McKnight	-	R	R	-	-	-	R	-
17 Calgary-Millican	-	R	R	-	-	-	R	X
18 Calgary-Montrose	-	R	R	-	-	-	R	R
19 Calgary-Mountain View	-	R	R	-	-	-	R	-
20 Calgary-North Hill	-	R	R	-	-	-	R	R
21 Calgary-North West	-	R	R	-	-	-	R	-
22 Calgary-Shaw	-	R	R	-	-	-	R	R
23 Calgary-West	-	R	R	-	-	-	R	-
24 Camrose	R	R	R	-	-	-	R	R
25 Cardston	-	R	R	-	-	-	R	R
26 Chinook	-	R	R	-	-	-	R	R
27 Clover Bar	-	R	R	-	-	-	R	R
28 Cypress-Redcliff	-	R	R	-	R	-	R	R
29 Drayton Valley	-	R	R	-	-	-	R	R
30 Drumheller	-	R	R	-	-	-	R	R
31 Dunvegan	X	R	R	-	-	-	R	-

Electoral Division	AIP	LIB	NDP	APA	SC	COR	PC	RPA
32 Edmonton-Avonmore	-	R	R	-	-	-	R	R
33 Edmonton-Belmont	-	R	R	-	-	-	R	R
34 Edmonton-Beverly	-	R	R	-	R	-	R	-
35 Edmonton-Calder	X	R	R	-	-	-	R	R
36 Edmonton-Centre	-	R	R	-	-	-	R	-
37 Edmonton-Glengarry	-	R	R	-	-	-	R	R
38 Edmonton-Glenora	-	R	R	-	-	-	R	R
39 Edmonton-Gold Bar	-	R	R	-	-	-	R	-
40 Edmonton-Highlands	-	R	R	-	-	-	R	R
41 Edmonton-Jasper Place	-	R	R	-	-	-	R	R
42 Edmonton-Kingsway	-	R	R	-	R	-	R	R
43 Edmonton-Meadowlark	-	R	R	-	-	-	R	R
44 Edmonton-Mill Woods	X	R	R	-	-	-	R	R
45 Edmonton-Norwood	-	R	R	-	-	-	R	-
46 Edmonton-Parkallen	-	R	R	-	-	-	R	R
47 Edmonton-Strathcona	R	R	R	-	R	-	R	R
48 Edmonton-Whitemud	-	R	R	-	-	-	R	R
49 Fort McMurray	-	R	R	-	-	-	R	-
50 Grande Prairie	-	R	R	-	R	-	R	X
51 Highwood	R	-	R	-	-	-	R	X
52 Innisfail	X	R	R	-	-	X	R	R
53 Lacombe	-	R	R	-	-	-	R	-
54 Lesser Slave Lake	-	R	R	-	-	-	R	R
55 Lethbridge-East	-	R	R	-	-	-	R	R
56 Lethbridge-West	-	R	R	-	-	X	R	R
57 Little Bow	-	R	R	-	-	X	R	R
58 Lloydminster	-	R	R	-	-	-	R	R
59 Macleod	-	-	R	-	-	-	R	R
60 Medicine Hat	-	R	R	-	R	-	R	-
61 Olds-Didsbury	R	R	R	-	-	R	R	-
62 Peace River	-	R	R	-	-	-	R	R
63 Pincher Creek-Crowsnest	-	R	R	-	-	-	R	-

Electoral Division	AIP	LIB	NDP	APA	SC	COR	PC	RPA
64 Ponoka-Rimbey	-	R	R	-	-	-	R	-
65 Red Deer-North	-	R	R	-	-	R	R	R
66 Red Deer-South	-	R	R	-	-	-	R	-
67 Redwater-Andrew	-	R	R	-	-	-	R	R
68 Rocky Mountain House	R	R	R	-	-	X	R	R
69 Sherwood Park	-	R	R	-	-	-	R	R
70 Smoky River	-	R	R	-	R	-	R	-
71 St. Albert	-	R	R	-	R	-	R	X
72 St. Paul	-	R	R	-	-	-	R	R
73 Stettler	-	R	R	-	R	-	R	-
74 Stony Plain	-	R	R	-	-	-	R	R
75 Taber-Warner	-	R	R	-	-	-	R	X
76 Three Hills	X	R	R	-	-	-	R	R
77 Vegreville	-	R	R	-	-	-	R	R
78 Vermilion-Viking	-	R	R	-	R	-	R	-
79 Wainwright	-	R	R	-	-	-	R	-
80 Westlock-Sturgeon	-	R	R	-	-	X	R	R
81 West Yellowhead	-	R	R	-	-	-	R	-
82 Wetaskiwin-Leduc	X	R	R	-	-	-	R	R
83 Whitecourt	-	R	R	X	-	-	R	R

Status of Constituency Association Registrations At December 31, 1988

	AIP	LIB	NDP	APA	SC	COR	PC	RPA	TOTAL
Total Registered	7	80	83	Nil	12	2	83	47	314
Total Deregistered	6	-	-	2	-	5	-	7	20
Electoral Divisions without a registered Constituency Association	70	3	Nil	81	71	76	Nil	29	

Note: Neither the Communist Party - Alberta nor the Heritage Party of Alberta had any registered Constituency Associations during the period of this Report.

Summary of 1988 Annual Financial Statements
Registered Political Parties

Registered Political Party	Contributions			Other Revenue	Total Annual Receipts	Funds Transferred	Annual Expenses	Total Annual Expenses	Surplus (Deficit)
	$40 and Under	$40 to $375	Over $375						
AIP	Annual Financial Statement not received, refer to Page 5 for details.								
LIB	9,999.	66,322.	114,288.	242,595.	433,204.	155,407.	234,581.	389,988.	43,216.
NDP	19,204.	193,268.	135,664.	100,973.	449,109.	107,940.	280,621.	388,561	60,548.
APA	Nil	Nil	Nil	30.	30.	Nil	Nil	Nil	30.
SC	444.	2,816.	13,371.	4,604.	21,235.	55.	21,609.	21,664.	(429.)
CP-A	35.	3,140.	500.	933.	4,608.	Nil	5,494.	5,494.	(886.)
COR	Nil	825.	Nil	10.	835.	Nil	8,727.	8,727.	(7,892.)
HPA	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
PC	3,303.	432,347.	889,037.	453,924.	1,778,611.	Nil	1,564,853.	1,564,853.	213,758.
RPA	Nil	1,043.	12,252.	1,055.	14,350.	Nil	16,133.	16,133.	(1,783.)

Note: The information presented above represents financial data at December 31, 1988, in capsule form. For a more complete financial picture, reference should be made to the Public Files maintained in this Office (see foregoing Page 15, Conclusion).